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- Presentation overview
  - Who are ACODE
  - How do we operate
  - Our upcoming activities
    - The ACODE Learning Technologies Leadership Institute
    - ACODE 61

- Who are ACODE?
  - The peak Australasian organisation for universities engaged or interested in open, distance, flexible and e-learning
  - Mission is to enhance policy and practice in open, distance, flexible and e-learning in Australasian higher education
  - To find out who your ACODE Representative is go to:  
<http://www.acode.edu.au/members.php>

- Who are ACODE?
  - Seek to influence policy and practice at institutional, national and international levels through:
    - disseminating and sharing knowledge and expertise
    - supporting professional development and providing networking opportunities
    - investigating, developing and evaluating new approaches
    - advising and influencing key bodies in higher education
    - promoting best practice
  - Associate Member of the International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE)

- How do we operate?
  - Meet three times a year for two days
  - Hosted by member institution
    - Meetings usually consist of:
      - a one day workshop
        - » on a topic of policy and/or practice for Directors/Managers of university teaching and learning units or units concerned with open, distance or e-learning
          - Learning and Teaching Space/Learning Analytics/mLearning etc.
    - A business and networking meeting
      - » sometimes a site visit at the host institution

- Some recent activities

- **ACODE-funded Project: Sustaining eLearning Innovations**

- In 2011, ACODE funded a project exploring issues related to the sustainability of eLearning innovations
    - Identified ten recommendations regarding sustainability of learning innovations that begin as funded projects in Australasian universities and develop outside of an enterprise learning management system environment
      - Research Study Report - by Cathy Gunn and Rhiannon Herrick (April 2012) disseminated to ACODE member institutions & available from the ACODE website.

- Some recent activities
  - **National Networking Initiative (NNI) Project**
    - Joint project led by ACODE and ascilite and includes CADAD, HERDSA, ODLAA, AARNet, Netspot and the Office of Learning and Teaching (OLT)
      - Key goal to:
        - » *work collaboratively with the kindred organisations of ACODE and ascilite...to enable a coordinated, collaborative and integrated approach to enhancing and promoting the vision and goals established by ALTC*
    - Network of Australasian Tertiary Associations (NATA) developed from NNI with a mission:
      - *to improve engagement and practice through network leadership*
      - See <http://nataonthenet.blogspot.com.au>

- Some recent activities
  - Provide strong membership involvement in the development of the Australian edition of the *Horizon* series of technology reports
    - Most recently contributing to:
      - NMC and OUA's: *Technology Outlook for Australian Tertiary Education, 2013-2018: An NMC Horizon Project Regional Analysis*



- Some recent activities
  - **ACODE LIAISONS**
    - In 2012 the ACODE Executive made a conscious decision to strengthen its ties with key organisations through identifying a liaison representative:
      - CAUDIT – Alan Arnold, University of Canberra
      - Ascilite – Philip Uys, Charles Sturt University
      - CADAD – Sue Stoney, Edith Cowan University

- Learning Technologies Leadership Institute
  - a residential leadership program
  - aimed at middle managers – academic and non academic who work with learning technologies in the Australasian Higher Education sector
  - Provides extended professional development opportunity for current and future leaders of Learning and Teaching and e-learning units
  - Key presenters include Professor Denise Kirkpatrick, Professor Shirley Alexander, Professor Geoff Scott

- 2013 Learning Technologies Leadership Institute
  - Outriggers, Twin Towns Resort, Coolangatta
  - 18-22 August, 2013
  - Director of LTTI:
    - Associate Professor Gordon Suddaby
      - *...an intensive, four day, live-in, leadership training programme, designed to assist participants to exercise leadership in their current and future roles, delivered and supported by a world-class team*
- Next ACode (61) Hosted by the University of the South Pacific, Suva campus – 27/28 June 2013 – ‘Flipped Classrooms & Open Education Practice’

- Questions and comments

– Any?

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